

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF  
MISSISSIPPI-HATTIESBURG DIVISION**

**MATTHEW W. BOUTWELL, MARTY C. BREAZEALE,  
DENNIS D. DONALD, and KELVIN P. NIXON**

**VERSUS**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:06CV269KS-MTP**

**JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; THE JONES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; SHERIFF T. LARRY DYKES, in his official capacity as the Sheriff of Jones County, and Individually; THE JONES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; RANDALL KEITH PARKER in his official capacity as a former agent of the Southeast Mississippi Drug Task Force and individually; CHRISTOPHER DAVID SMITH in his official capacity as a former agent of the Southeast Mississippi Drug Task Force and individually; ROGER WILLIAMS in his official capacity as a former agent of the Southeast Mississippi Drug Task Force and individually; COVINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; THE COVINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; SHERIFF ROGER WOOD SPEED in his official capacity as the Sheriff of Covington County, and Individually; THE COVINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; JASPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; THE JASPER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; SHERIFF KENNETH CROSS in his official capacity as the Sheriff of Jasper County, and Individually; THE JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; SMITH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; THE SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; SHERIFF CHARLIE CRUMPTON, in his official capacity as the Sheriff of Smith County, and Individually; THE SMITH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and JOHN DOES 1-15**

**ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF RANDALL KEITH PARKER**

COMES NOW, Defendant Randall Keith Parker (hereinafter "Parker") and files this his Answer and Affirmative Defenses to the Complaint filed herein by Matthew W. Boutwell, Marty C. Breazeale, Dennis D. Donald and Kelvin P. Nixon (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Plaintiffs"), as follows:

**FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The Complaint fails to state a claim against Parker upon which any relief can be granted. Therefore, this action should be dismissed pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

**SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The injuries alleged in the Complaint, if any, were the result of the actions of persons or third-parties for whom Parker is neither responsible nor liable.

### **THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Parker neither caused nor contributed to plaintiffs' injuries and damages, if any, but if Parker is found to be responsible, he demands application of Section 85-5-7, Miss. Code of 1972, as amended, and the appropriate apportionment of damages among all parties who may be liable to the Plaintiffs in direct proportion to their individual or respective percentage of fault or negligence.

### **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Parker possesses immunity or qualified immunity herein from suit and/or liability and/or damages.

### **FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Parker invokes the provisions of the Mississippi Tort Claims Act, Miss. Code Ann. § 11-46-1 (Supp. 2003), *et seq.* Included in these provisions is Parker's right to a non-jury trial by the Court on all issues, which is hereby prayed for. To the extent that the Complaint, and any subsequently filed pleading, may seek a trial by jury on state law claims, Parker moves the Court to strike any such jury demand on the basis that the same is prohibited by the Mississippi Tort Claims Act.

### **SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Parker did not breach any duty owed to Plaintiffs, nor did he violate any right or privilege of either Plaintiff, and is therefore not liable for any damages that may have been incurred by the Plaintiffs.

### **SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Parker asserts the applicable exemptions from liability found in Miss. Code Ann. § 11-46-9, and all other exemptions that may be available at law.

#### **EIGHT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Parker was acting within the course and scope of his employment at all times relevant to any state law claim asserted in the Complaint, and therefore, he cannot be sued or held liable in his individual capacity.

#### **NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiffs fail to allege a policy, practice or custom sufficient to subject Parker to liability under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

#### **TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Parker pleads that if any of the allegations set forth in the Complaint are true, Plaintiffs are or may be guilty of contributory negligence or affirmative conduct in connection with the events about which they complain. To the extent that any of the events alleged in the Complaint were caused by either or both of the Plaintiffs' actions or omissions, any recovery must be reduced according to the principle of contributory or comparative negligence.

#### **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiffs have failed to allege or establish a violation of Constitutional rights, and at all times, Parker acted objectively reasonable under the circumstances. Therefore, Parker should be dismissed from this action based upon qualified immunity.

#### **TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

While it is specifically denied that Plaintiffs are entitled to damages in the premises, Parker would show said injuries and/or damages, if any, were the result of independent intervening and superseding events and/or naturally occurring, idiosyncratic diseases or conditions for which Parker is not responsible and has no liability.

#### **THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiffs' Complaint fails to state facts sufficient to entitle Plaintiffs to an award of exemplary or punitive damages against Parker.

#### **FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Any award of exemplary and/or punitive damages as sought by the Plaintiffs is unconstitutional under both the United States Constitution, particularly under the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments, and the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, particularly under §§ 14 and 28 of Article 3, and such award is unlawful for the following reasons:

- A. That such award would not serve any function now appropriate in the context of this action for civil damages. All actual damages, if any, are recoverable under Mississippi law.
- B. That such award would only serve as a windfall to the plaintiffs in civil litigation.
- C. That such award is by definition punitive in nature and the criminal statutes of Mississippi serve the appropriate function of punishing any wrongful conduct and to deter such conduct by others.
- D. That such award would be against public policy.
- E. That such award would be tantamount to or would constitute a taking of property without due process, since that amount of such award is based solely on speculation and not on any rational basis.
- F. That such an award, if any, would not be subject to procedural safeguards guaranteed to a criminal defendant.
- G. That such an award would constitute an excessive fine or penalty.

#### **FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Parker invokes the applicable procedural and substantive aspects of, and all rights afforded them under, Mississippi's 1993 Tort Reform Act, Miss. Code Ann. § 11-1-65, Mississippi's Civil Justice Reform Act of 2002, Ch. No. 4 (H.B. No. 19), and the civil justice

reform law passed by the Mississippi Legislature in the First Extraordinary Session 2004 as House Bill 13 and as approved by the Governor on June 16, 2004.

#### **SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim for punitive damages is barred by Miss. Code Ann. §11-46-15 (Supp. 2003) and should therefore be dismissed.

#### **SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim for punitive damages violates the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and Sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 20 and 28 of Article III of the Mississippi Constitution and is therefore barred.

#### **EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

If Plaintiffs reach a settlement with any other party, person or entity who may be liable in whole or in part for any of the alleged injuries or damages asserted in the Complaint, Parker is entitled to a credit and/or offset in the amount of such settlement.

#### **NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

To the extent that Plaintiffs' expenses or other damages allegedly caused by the incidents alleged in the Complaint may have been paid by Parker, on behalf of Parker, or by other parties who are claimed to be responsible for Plaintiffs' alleged injuries and/or damages, Plaintiffs have been fully compensated for any injuries and/or damages arising out of the incidents alleged in the Complaint, and Parker is entitled to an offset in the amount of all advance payments made against any judgment that may be rendered against him, and Parker pleads the defense of credit/payment.

#### **TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

This action is barred by the applicable statutes of limitations and should therefore be dismissed.

#### **TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Parker affirmatively pleads each and every applicable defense enumerated in Rules 8 and 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including but not limited to, lack of jurisdiction over the person, improper venue, insufficiency of process, and insufficiency of service of process.

#### **TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Parker adopts and incorporates any and all other defenses raised by any other defendant herein or any other party who may be added as a defendant herein to the extent that said defenses are not inconsistent with the defenses raised and/or position taken by Parker.

#### **TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Parker specifically reserves the right to assert any defense(s) available to him at the time of trial and/or to supplement with any other affirmative defense(s) which may become applicable to this action upon further investigation and discovery.

#### **TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Parker denies that Plaintiffs have properly joined their claims pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 20(a).

#### **TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Parker pleads the application of and asserts the defense of *respondeat superior*.

#### **TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Parker affirmatively pleads the defense of assumption of risk, to the extent applicable.

#### **TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Now, having first asserted his affirmative defenses, Parker answers the Plaintiffs' Complaint, paragraph by paragraph, as follows:

**ANSWER**

**PARTIES:**

1. Parker is without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 1 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same.

2. Parker is without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 2 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same.

3. Parker is without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 3 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same.

4. Parker is without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 4 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same.

5. The allegations of Paragraph 5 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

6. The allegations of Paragraph 6 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

7. The allegations of Paragraph 7 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

8. The allegations of Paragraph 8 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

9. The allegations of Paragraph 9 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

10. The allegations of Paragraph 10 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

11. The allegations of Paragraph 11 are denied except it is admitted that Parker is an adult resident citizen of Jones County, Mississippi.

12. The allegations of Paragraph 12 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

13. The allegations of Paragraph 13 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

14. The allegations of Paragraph 14 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

15. The allegations of Paragraph 15 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

16. The allegations of Paragraph 16 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

17. The allegations of Paragraph 17 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

18. The allegations of Paragraph 18 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

19. The allegations of Paragraph 19 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

20. The allegations of Paragraph 20 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 20 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

21. The allegations of Paragraph 21 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 21 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

22. The allegations of Paragraph 22 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 22 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

23. The allegations of Paragraph 23 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 23 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

24. The allegations of Paragraph 24 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 24 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

25. The allegations of Paragraph 25 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 25 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

**VENUE AND JURISDICTION:**

26. The allegations of Paragraph 26 are denied, except it is admitted that this Court has jurisdiction over the claims raised by the Plaintiffs in the Complaint and that this Court has pendant jurisdiction over state law claims. Parker specifically denies that this Court may try the

claims to a jury. Parker is without sufficient information to admit or deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 26 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS:**

**A. BOUTWELL**

27. The allegations of Paragraph 27 of the Complaint are denied, except it is admitted that on or about November 2, 2005, Parker first observed the automobile in which Boutwell was a passenger at the Chevron gas station at the intersection of Highway 84 West and Highway 28 outside the city limits of Laurel, Mississippi. It is also admitted that Connie Pittman was driving the automobile and Boutwell was riding in the passenger seat of the same. Shortly after leaving the Chevron station, Parker pulled the automobile over because it did not have a tag and asked for Pittman for her license and proof of insurance. Parker admits finding Lortab, Xanax and Ritalin on Boutwell's person without a prescription. Parker asked Pittman for permission to search the vehicle; however Pittman refused. Parker called for a K-9 unit; Stan Livingston responded with his canine. Parker further admits that Auxiliary agent Jimmy Ray Sims and agent Chris Smith arrived at the scene, as well, during the course of the traffic stop and subsequent search of the vehicle. After being handcuffed by Parker, Chris Smith pulled Boutwell to the back of Parker's car. Parker further admits that Boutwell broke the side mirror on Parker's car. Parker is without sufficient information to admit or deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 27 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same. Except as specifically admitted, the allegations of Paragraph 27 are denied.

28. The allegations of Paragraph 28 of the Complaint are denied, except it is admitted that Parker transported Boutwell to his bond hearing before Justice Court Judge Beech. Parker is without sufficient information to admit or deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 28 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same. Except as specifically admitted, the allegations of Paragraph 28 are denied.

29. The allegations of Paragraph 29 of the Complaint are denied.

30. The allegations of Paragraph 30 of the Complaint are denied.

31. The allegations of Paragraph 31 of the Complaint are denied.

### **B. BREAZEAL**

32. The allegations of Paragraph 32 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 32 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

33. The allegations of Paragraph 33 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 33 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

34. The allegations of Paragraph 34 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 34 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

35. The allegations of Paragraph 35 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 35 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

36. The allegations of Paragraph 36 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 36 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

37. The allegations of Paragraph 37 are not directed at Parker and therefore do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 37 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

### **C. DONALD**

38. The allegations of Paragraph 38 of the Complaint are denied, except it is admitted that on or about December 2, 2005, a vehicle driven by Dennis D. Donald (hereinafter "Donald") was pulled over by agents of the Southeast Mississippi Drug Task Force, including Parker, Chris Smith, and Roger Williams. It is also admitted that Donald and his truck were

searched. It is further admitted that Williams struck Donald. Parker is without sufficient information to admit or deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 38 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same. Except as specifically admitted, the allegations of Paragraph 38 are denied.

39. The allegations of Paragraph 39 of the Complaint are denied, except it is admitted that Donald was charged with possession of a controlled substance and incarcerated at the Jones County Jail. It is further admitted that marijuana seeds, and used syringes were found either in his truck or on Donald's person. Parker is without sufficient information to admit or deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 39 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same. Except as specifically admitted, the allegations of Paragraph 39 are denied.

40. The allegations of Paragraph 40 of the Complaint, including the footnote referenced therein, are denied, except it is admitted that Donald's truck was towed to impound at the Southeast Mississippi Drug Task Force on Highway 84 west of Laurel, Mississippi. Parker is without sufficient information to admit or deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 40 of the Complaint, including the footnote referenced therein, and therefore denies the same. Except as specifically admitted, the allegations of Paragraph 40, including the footnote referenced therein, are denied.

41. Parker is without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 41 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same.

#### **D. NIXON**

42. The allegations of Paragraph 42 of the Complaint are denied.

43. The allegations of Paragraph 43 are denied, except it is admitted that a digital camera, some knives, and swords were seized by agents of the Southeast Mississippi Drug Task Force during the course of their search of Kelvin Paul Nixon's (hereinafter "Nixon") house. Except as specifically admitted, the allegations of Paragraph 43 are denied.

44. The allegations of Paragraph 44 are denied, except it is admitted that upon leaving Nixon's house, the agents of the Southeast Mississippi Drug Task Force placed a sticker on Nixon's front door. Parker is without sufficient information to admit or deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 44 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same. Except as specifically admitted, the allegations of Paragraph 44 are denied.

45. The allegations of Paragraph 45 of the Complaint are denied as phrased. Parker admits that Nixon was not arrested at the time of the search of the house, because he fled the premises upon the agents' arrival. Parker also admits that he informed Nixon that the agents found drugs in Nixon's house during the course of their search. Except as specifically admitted, the allegations of Paragraph 45 are denied.

46. The allegations of Paragraph 46 of the Complaint are denied, except it is admitted that on or about December 20, 2005, agents of the Southeast Mississippi Drug Task Force and Sheriff's Office returned to Nixon's house to arrest him on the charges stemming from the previous search of his house. Nixon was handcuffed and charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of methamphetamine while in possession of a firearm. He was transported and booked into the Jones County Jail. Parker is without sufficient information to admit or deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 46 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same. Except as specifically admitted, the allegations of Paragraph 46 are denied.

47. The allegations of Paragraph 47 are denied as phrased. Parker admits that he seized Nixon's cell phone during his arrest. Parker admits that Nixon called Parker wanting to get the sword collection back, because it was his son's. Parker returned the sword collection and cell phone to Nixon and made Nixon sign a return of personal property receipt. Except as admitted, the allegations of Paragraph 47 are denied.

48. Parker is without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 48 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same.

49. The allegations of Paragraph 49 are denied, except it is admitted that at all times relevant to Plaintiff's Complaint, Parker was acting within the course and scope of his employment as an agent for the Southeast Mississippi Drug Task Force, a multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force serving Jones, Jasper, Covington and Smith counties. Except as specifically admitted, the allegations of Paragraph 49 are denied.

50. The allegations of Paragraph 50 are not directed at Parker and, therefore, do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 50 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

51. The allegations of Paragraph 51 are not directed at Parker and, therefore, do not require a response by him; however, to the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 51 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

52. The allegations of Paragraph 52 are denied except it is admitted that at all times relevant to the Complaint, Parker was acting within the course and scope of his employment as an agent of the Southeast Mississippi Drug Task Force. Except as specifically admitted, the allegations of Paragraph 52 are denied.

53. The allegations of Paragraph 53 are denied.

#### **COUNT I. – MISSISSIPPI TORT CLAIMS VIOLATIONS**

54. Parker reasserts and incorporates by reference herein each response and defense set forth in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

55. The allegations of Paragraph 55 are denied.

56. The allegations of Paragraph 56 are denied.

#### **COUNT II – INADEQUATE TRAINING, HIRING, & SUPERVISION**

57. Parker reasserts and incorporates by reference herein each response and defense set forth in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

58. The allegations of Paragraph 58 are not directed at Parker and therefore no response is required by Parker; however to the extent that a response is required or to the

extent that the allegations of Paragraph 58 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

59. The allegations of Paragraph 59 are not directed at Parker and therefore no response is required by Parker; however to the extent that a response is required or to the extent that the allegations of Paragraph 59 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

60. The allegations of Paragraph 60 are denied.

### **COUNT III. – 42 U.S.C. § 1983**

61. Parker reasserts and incorporates by reference herein each response and defense set forth in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

62. The allegations of Paragraph 62 of the Complaint are denied, except it is admitted that at all times relevant to Plaintiff's claims, Parker was acting within the course and scope of his employment as an agent for the Southeast Mississippi Drug Task Force. Except as specifically admitted, the allegations of Paragraph 62 are denied.

63. The allegations of Paragraph 63 of the Complaint, including subparts (A) through (E), are denied.

64. The allegations of Paragraph 64 are denied.

65. The allegations of Paragraph 65 are denied.

### **COUNT IV. ASSAULT AND BATTERY**

66. Parker reasserts and incorporates by reference herein each response and defense set forth in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

67. The allegations of Paragraph 67 are denied.

68. The allegations of Paragraph 68 are denied.

### **COUNT V. FALSE ARREST AND ILLEGAL IMPRISONMENT**

69. Parker reasserts and incorporates by reference herein each response and defense set forth in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

70. The allegations of Paragraph 70 are denied, except it is admitted that Parker participated in the arrest and imprisonment of Plaintiffs Boutwell, Donald and Nixon. Except as specifically admitted, the allegations of Paragraph 70 are denied.

71. The allegations of Paragraph 71 are denied.

**COUNT VI. 42 U.S.C. § 1983**

72. Parker reasserts and incorporates by reference herein each response and defense set forth in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

73. The allegations of Paragraph 73 are not directed at Parker and therefore no response is required by Parker; however to the extent that a response is required or to the extent that the allegations of Paragraph 73 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

74. The allegations of Paragraph 74 are not directed at Parker and therefore no response is required by Parker; however to the extent that a response is required or to the extent that the allegations of Paragraph 74 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

75. The allegations of Paragraph 75 are not directed at Parker and therefore no response is required by Parker; however to the extent that a response is required or to the extent that the allegations of Paragraph 75 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

76. The allegations of Paragraph 76 are denied.

77. The allegations of Paragraph 77 are not directed at Parker and therefore no response is required by Parker; however to the extent that a response is required or to the extent that the allegations of Paragraph 77 attempt to impose liability on Parker, those allegations are denied.

78. The allegations of Paragraph 78 are denied.

#### **COUNT VII. – INFLECTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

79. Parker reasserts and incorporates by reference herein each response and defense set forth in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

80. The allegations of Paragraph 80 are denied.

81. The allegations of Paragraph 81 are denied.

#### **COUNT VIII. NEGLIGENCE**

82. Parker reasserts and incorporates by reference herein each response and defense set forth in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

83. The allegations of Paragraph 83 are denied.

84. The allegations of Paragraph 84 are denied.

#### **COUNT IX. – PUNITIVE DAMAGES**

85. Parker reasserts and incorporates by reference herein each response and defense set forth in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

86. The allegations of Paragraph 86 are denied.

87. The allegations of Paragraph 87 are denied.

88. Parker admits that Plaintiffs has demanded a jury trial; however, Parker specifically denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to a jury trial.

89. As to the final unnumbered Paragraph beginning with “WHEREFORE”, Parker denies the allegations contained therein, including those raised in subparts (a) through (e). Parker specifically denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to recover any category of damages, fees, costs, expenses, and/or other relief.

#### **TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

All allegations in plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint that are not specifically admitted are denied.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

RANDALL KEITH PARKER, Defendant

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Richard O. Burson, attorney for RANDALL KEITH PARKER, do hereby certify that on February 20, 2007, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which sent notification of such filing to the following:

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